

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In Re Application of:)
STEINMETZ et al.)
Filed: April 4, 2001)
Serial No. 09/841,205)
For: SELF-SHARPENING)
TICKET SCRATCHER)

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Examiner: Balsis, Shay L.

Art Unit: 1744

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, please amend claims 23, 33 and 38 as follows: